

## Foundation

The 'Hedgehogs' and the 'Owls' set out with waterproof trousers, wellies and hats ready for their first adventure in 'The Wild Place'. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the natural environment. They are beginning to assess risk when climbing at a height and when moving or carrying large sticks and logs. All had a warming drink at 'base camp' before heading back to class. The other two groups, 'Squirrels' and 'Foxes', will visit next week. Each group contains a mix of children from the three Foundation classes and allows friendships to blossom across the year group. Each group will visit 'The Wild Place' once a fortnight. Photographs of their adventures can be viewed on the VLE.

We have started our topic on 'Superheroes'. The children enjoyed creating their own superhero name and thinking about what their special power might be. We have also made some superhero clothes, thinking about properties of materials and which materials would be best to make them from. The children also experienced their first gymnastics lesson, where they travelled over mats and beams.

This week in Maths, we have been on a shape walk around the school to help the children identify and name a range of 3D shapes. We found examples of cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, spheres, pyramids and triangular prisms. When you are out with your child, look for and name any you might see. You may like to help your child record their findings by filling in a chart, drawing the shapes or taking photos. Encourage your child to

- describe the shapes using informal language such as soft, smooth, sharp, pointy, arch, box, roof.
- describe the shapes using mathematical language - corner, side, flat, curved, rectangular, cylinder.
- describe where the shape is using positional language - on top of, next to, underneath, in front of, behind, between, left, right etc.

Pre Prep are looking forward to a visit from a theatre group next week, to perform 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told'.

Best wishes,

The Foundation Team